

Spring Waste Management Conference

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Overview

- Environmental Assessments
- Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECA) and Environmental Activity Sector Registry (EASR)
- Waste Generation, Characterization and Manifests
- Waste Audits



Organizational Structure

Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch (EAASIB)

Sarah Paul, Director

- Environmental Activity & Sector Registry
- ✓ Stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Customer service
- ✓ Brownfields & Financial Assurance
- ✓ Service Integration
- ✓ Processing & screening of applications for Environmental Compliance Approvals

NOTE: (only complete applications are forwarded to EAB)

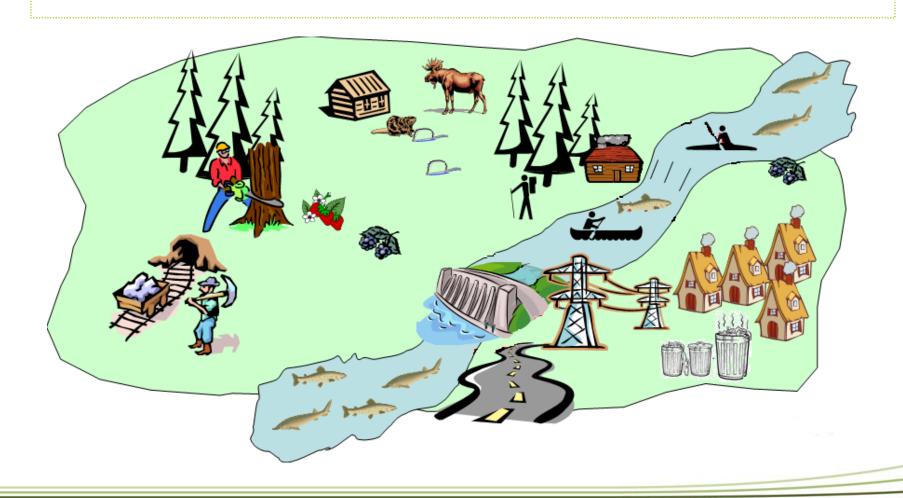
Environmental Approvals Branch (EAB)

Agatha Garcia-Wright, Director

- Engineering assessment / technical review and coordination of environmental approvals:
 - ✓ Environmental Assessment projects
 - ✓ Renewable Energy Assessments
 - Environmental Compliance Approvals



Environmental Assessment ("EA") Process



Environmental Assessments (EA)

- The purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) is to protect Ontario's social, economic and natural environments by ensuring that the impacts of development activities are considered.
- The assessment process serves as a planning tool to ensure potential environmental effects are identified and evaluated before irreversible decisions are made.
- Environmental assessment applies to:
 - All public sector projects, unless exempt
 - Certain private sector undertakings e.g. waste, electricity
- Four distinct program areas:
 - 1. Individual Environmental assessment most rigorous assessment
 - 2. Streamlined Environmental assessment processes (i.e. Class environmental assessment, sector-specific regulations for electricity, waste and transit)
 - **3. Designation** method to make projects subject to the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This can generally be achieved through a designating regulation or through a voluntary agreement.
 - **4. Declaration order** method to exempt projects from the individual environmental assessment requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act.



EA Process for Waste Management Projects

Both private and public sector waste projects are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act through the Waste Management Projects Regulation 101/07

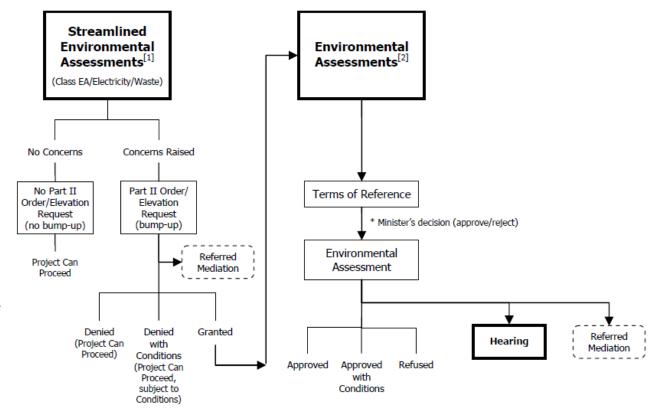
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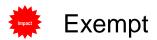


Must complete an individual environmental assessment



Must complete the environmental screening process





Mandatory Public Consultation for EAs

Consultation with affected persons is a critical requirement of the EAA.

Terms of Reference

- Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference issued by proponent.
- Proponent consults during Terms of Reference preparation.
 - Nature and extent of consultation varies depending on proponent's consultation work planning.
- Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference issued by proponent (available on Ministry website in both English and French).
 - Mandatory 30-day public review period on Terms of Reference.

Environmental Assessment

- Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment.
- Proponent consults during Environmental Assessment preparation.
 - Nature and extent of consultation varies depending on proponent's consultation work planning.
- Notice of Submission of Environmental Assessment issued by proponent (available on Ministry website in both English and French).
- Mandatory 7 week public review period on environmental assessment.
- Mandatory 5 week public review period on MOE-written Ministry Review document (available in English and French).

Streamlined EA

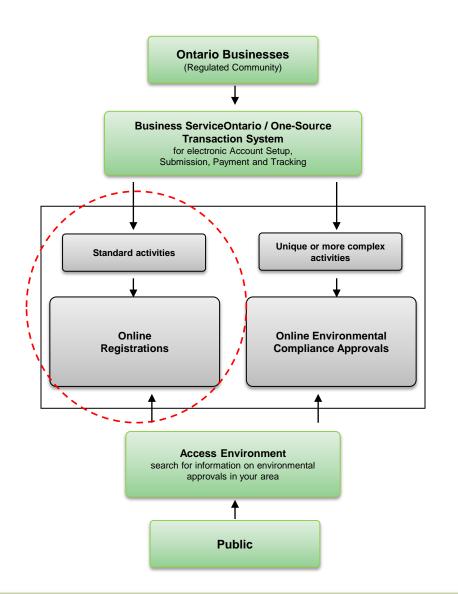
- Notice of Commencement of Project Study issued by proponent.
- Nature and extent of consultation varies depending on level of assessment and environmental setting.
- Mandatory public consultation prescribed throughout the assessment process.
- Notice of Completion of Project Study issued by proponent.
 - Mandatory 30-day public review period (60day review for waste management projects)



Denotes opportunity for public consultation

•Note: For Terms of Reference and Individual EAs, all public notices are placed in local newspapers, provided to stakeholders through direct mail, etc. In addition, all Notices of Submission and Notice of Ministry Review are placed on MOE's EA Website (in both English and French).





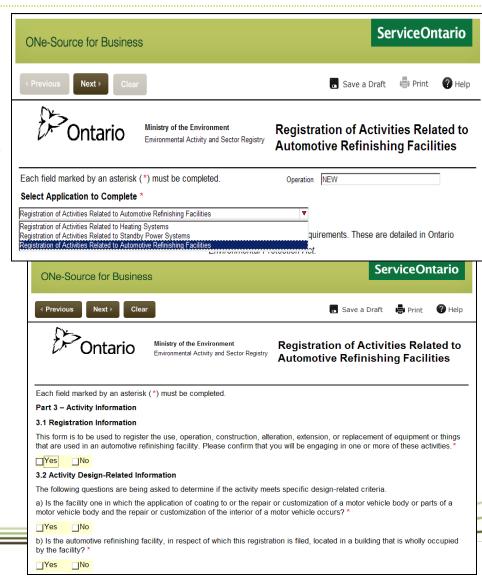
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Environmental Activity & Sector Registry (EASR)

- The MOE has developed a registration process for standard and routine-type activities and sectors.
- Businesses have been able to register these activities in EASR since October 2011.
- Has saved business up to \$25K per registration in studies and fees and months of approval/review time.
- Pre-defined eligibility and operation requirements (in regulation).
- Registrations are automatically posted to a searchable public website (Access Environment).



'How to' register an activity using ONe-Source:

EASR for Non-Hazardous Waste Transportation Systems

- Non-hazardous waste transportation systems added to the EASR in November 18, 2012
- The only waste management activities are for the collection, handling, transportation, and transfer of non-hazardous waste.
- One-time registration charge of \$1190 will apply no costs for amendments as long as the system remains eligible
- If the system is already covered by an ECA it need not be registered right away:
 - Registration required if the ECA needs to be amended
 - Must register within 5 years of the date the EASR regulation came into force (Nov 2012)



Ontario Businesses (Regulated Community) **Business ServiceOntario / One-Source Transaction System** for electronic Account Setup, Submission, Payment and Tracking Unique or more complex Standard activities activities **Online Environmental** Online **Compliance Approvals** Registrations **Access Environment** search for information on environmental approvals in your area **Public**

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Environmental Compliance Approvals

- Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) is a multi media approval that is required by legislation for facilities that manage waste, release contaminants to the atmosphere and discharge sewage to ground and surface water.
- Waste facilities often have environmental impacts in addition to the "waste" impacts.
 - Design and Operations Reports often address air, odour, noise (s. 9 of the EPA for air emissions) and wastewater impacts at the facility (s. 53 of the Ontario Water Resources Act for sewage works)

Environmental Protection Act ("EPA")

- Part II.1 (Environmental Compliance Approvals)
- Part V (Waste Management)

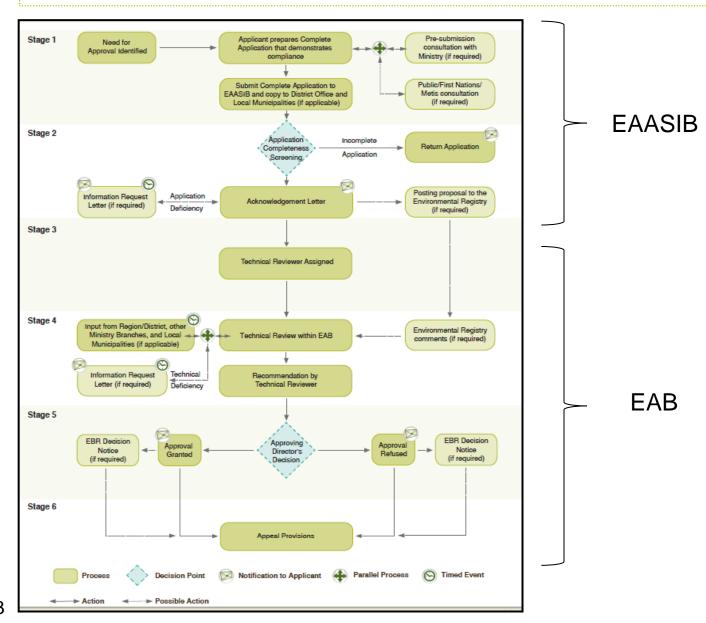
No person shall use, operate, establish, alter, enlarge or extend a waste management system or a waste disposal site except under and in accordance with an environmental compliance approval (s. 27)

Under the EPA: Reg. 347 – General, Waste Management Regulation

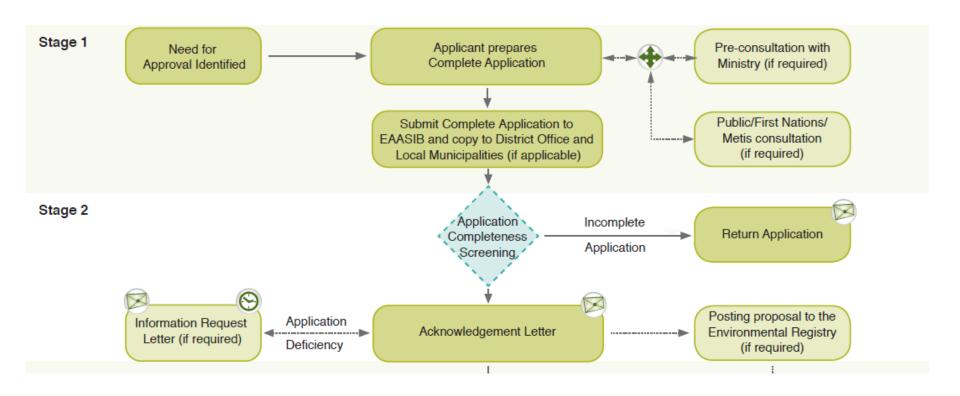
- Defines types of waste (including exempt and non-exempt)
- Sets out specific requirements (and exemptions) for waste management activities



ECA Application Process Stages



Stages 1 and 2 - EAASIB

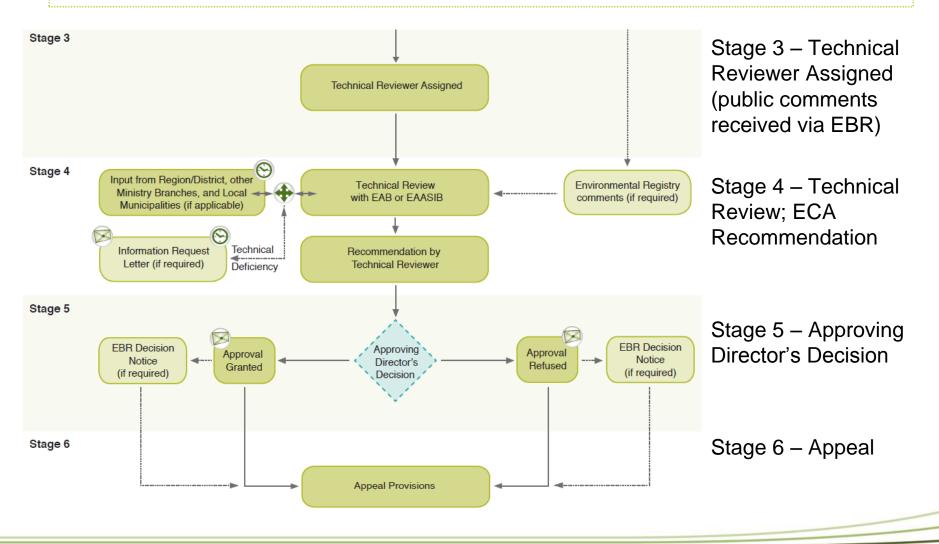


Stage 1 – Application Preparation and Consultation

Stage 2 – Screening and Consultation



Stages 3 to 6 - EAB





Financial Assurance ("FA")

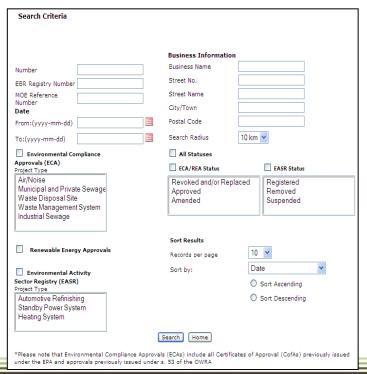
The Financial Assurance program minimizes financial risk posed to MOE by transferring cleanup costs to proponents responsible for contamination thereby reducing government liability and ensuring proponent pays.

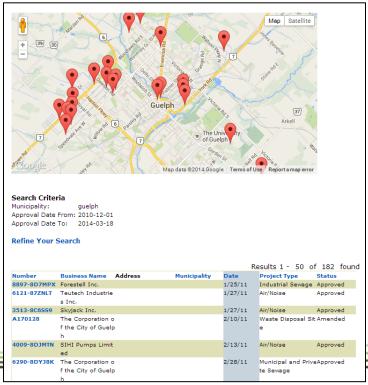
- The applicant can refer to EPA Part XII and *Guideline F-15: Financial Assurance Guideline* to see a list of when FA is normally required and instructions on how to estimate the amount of FA that should be provided.
- Examples of costs included in the calculation are unit costs of:
 - ✓ loading and transporting of each type of waste, demolition rubble, contaminated soil or equipment that must be sent for disposal (\$/tonne or m³)
 - √ disposing of each type of waste, demolition rubble, contaminated soil or equipment in an approved disposal site (\$/tonne or m³)
 - ✓ any required treatment activities (e.g. soil decontamination)
 - √ security devices, supervision
- These costs must reflect the costs of a third party to undertake all work associated with managing and carrying out the activities (quotes must be submitted).



Access Environment

- Public transparency of approval-related information that protects privacy and confidentiality of businesses
- Searchable, map-based public website that provides environmental approvalrelated information about business in real time (includes ECA and EASR)

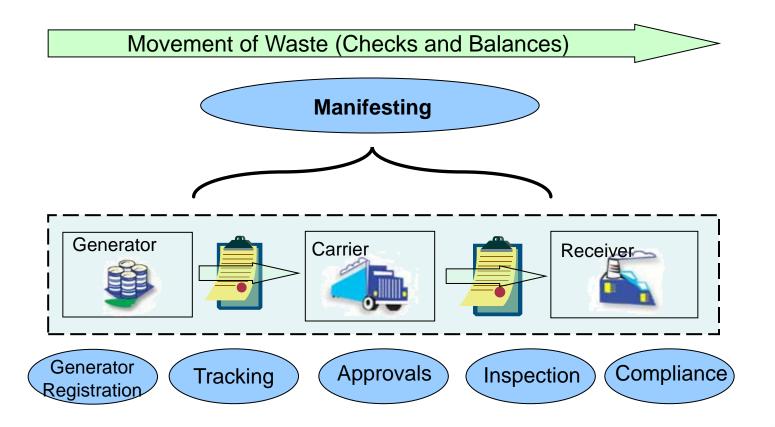




A copy of the issued ECA document posted to Access Environment: a searchable public website



Waste Generation, Characterization and Manifests





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Waste Generation

- Section 17 of Regulation 347 identifies waste generation facilities
- Virtually every business, facility, and operation generates waste
 - Generation facilities do not necessarily need Environmental Compliance Approvals for waste (Regulation 347)
 - If you generate subject waste, you must register annually
- Subject waste is either liquid industrial waste or hazardous waste
- You can register your waste with paper manifests or online at www.hwin.ca
- Section 18 of Regulation 347 provides some details of registration



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Waste Characterization

- Check with guidance to confirm if your waste is "subject waste" or "Hazardous and Liquid Industrial Wastes"
- Registration Guidance Manual For Generators Of Liquid Industrial And Hazardous Waste, December 2009 – the "Manual"

Waste Manifests

- Waste manifests are numbered documents obtained from the Ministry of the Environment
- Sections 19 to 26 of Regulation 347, as well as the "Manual" provide guidance and details regarding when and how to manifest your waste
 - Any transfer of waste to a waste management system requires a manifest document
- Generally, there are four ways of transport within Ontario, out of Ontario, into Ontario, and through Ontario.
- Manifesting can be done by paper or online www.hwin.ca



Waste Audits & Waste Reduction Work Plans Regulation 102/04

Regulation that requires this work to be completed by certain businesses. This work is a vital part of Ontario's efforts to meet its goal of reducing the amount of waste going to disposal. This work helps businesses identify the amount of waste they produce and ways to reduce waste generation.

Waste Audits

- Studies that characterize waste generation and waste management for particular businesses:
 - Retail shopping establishments, retail shopping complexes, office buildings, restaurants, hotels and motels, hospitals, educational institutions, large manufacturing facilities, large construction projects, and large demolition projects

Waste Reduction Work Plans

Plans that outline a business' strategy to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste



General Inquiries & Feedback

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E-mail: <u>eaabgen.moe@ontario.ca</u>

** Applicants can also ask to speak with a Waste Approvals Duty Officer

- ✓ You can send feedback, suggestions regarding the modernization project directly through the ministry's website or
- ✓ Write to us with any concerns, questions, ideas or comments at: <u>approvals.modernization@ontario.ca</u>

